News release

Further wintry conditions...

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The wintry conditions many parts of Britain have been experiencing look set to continue.

Across Scotland there have already been more than 10 cm (four inches) of snow causing widespread travel disruption and many school closures - these conditions are predicted to continue for the rest of the week.

Aberdeen forecaster, Tom Masson said: "After the recent heavy snowfalls, northern Scotland can expect further snow showers, but the Central Lowlands and the south should escape the worst of the weather. We would urge people to be careful when they are making journeys."

Wales and parts of south-west England have also seen significant snowfall over the last few days. Snow showers will continue today and tonight across western England and Wales with further fresh snow expected, especially over higher ground such as the Welsh mountains and the moors of south-west England.

Forecasters at the Met Office are also closely monitoring a weather system developing over the Atlantic, which could bring prolonged snowfall to southern counties of England during Friday.

Nick Grahame, Chief Forecaster at the Met Office, said: "There is a risk, albeit small, of significant snow across southern areas on Friday, but at this stage it is more likely that the weather system will have a greater impact across northern France. People should continue keep in touch with the latest forecasts and warnings during this spell of wintry weather."

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